

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's correct. They are being paid now to do the job that they now will have to reach a particular level of education and training to continue to do that which they are doing now.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, so that's why it's...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...supposedly a wash on. Okay.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Wesely, did you wish to...any other discussion on LB 669? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close on the advancement?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just very briefly. I appreciate the dialogue of the senators on the bill. It has been a long involved process and I would respond to Senator Wesely, when I did comment that I thought this would get done, I think it was more the naive walking into the den not knowing what they were getting into and things just worked out, but I want to be on the record to simply tell Senator Wesely I know how much work that he has put in in this whole process and evolution to bring us where we are today, and we would not be here today without his leadership on that committee, and I want to make that very clear on the record. And, number two, I want to talk about one portion of the bill, the actual implementation of the rules and regs will not take place until September 1st of '94, and this was done deliberately to make sure that the areas and groups that are working together will have time to give the proper input on those rules and regs, and whatever changes may be necessary on the consumer side or for protection of consumers can be still...we can still come back next year on some of the amendments if there needs to be some on the expansion, on the regulations, or different ideas that would be helpful. In regard to the two lay people that will be on the licensure board, it's very clear that they need to have...at least one of those needs to have the viewpoint of a consumer, and I have a FAX from the department saying they are very acutely aware that the consumers need to be represented on that, but they'd like to still keep the language the same as lay persons to be consistent with the overall licensure bill that they are in the current process of revamping for the next year, but they understand the consumers and are dedicated to make sure that that viewpoint of